



KAWERONGO o TAMA

Here o Pipiri Pānui, Hakihea 2016

Our Vision

Ka tū te Tāngata o Ngāti Tama ki Te Tau Ihu

Uphold the wairua, tikanga and mana of the Iwi for future generations

Our Mission

Ko te kaupapa, ki te tiaki, ki te whakatupu, ki te hiki, te whakamau i o tātou taonga

To protect, grow, develop, strengthen and hold fast to our taonga

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Update from Anthony Little, Chair of Ngāti Tama ki Te Waipounamu Trust

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hōu o ngā whānau o Tama!

What a year 2016 has been! At the Trust table we have faced some challenges as we laid the foundations to build a stable and secure Tama group - one guided with vision and the values that make us Ngāti Tama. There have been some monumental changes this year, in March we moved into our new offices and our AGM was held there in April. In June we welcomed Beverley Purdie to the team in the position of a Cultural Trust Trustee and she brings a wealth of knowledge with her. As you know, we also welcomed Frans van Boekhout as General Manager, who hit the ground running and alleviated a lot of work Trustees were previously doing, freeing us up to concentrate on direction and governance. Further on the staffing front we welcomed Renee Thomas our new Senior Accounts Administrator with a Mihi Whakatau. It's great having Renee on the team and she's already making a huge difference! We were also joined this year by Trish Sullivan who has been helping us in a temporary contracting role.

2016 has seen a lot of interest in mining, along with the threat to our Wāhi Tapu. We continue to be engaged and focused in this area to uphold the Mana and the values of our people, in order to protect our taonga for our



Update from Anthony Little *continued...*

mokopuna and also all New Zealanders. To provide a perspective on what we're facing, in November the Nelson Mail published an article about the potential mining of Te Tai Tapu, where the only history covered was the gold mining era. This we feel is not portraying an accurate picture of the full history nor do we feel the article covered the devastating impact mining will have. Mining interests also continue to threaten Te Waikoropupū and we're doing everything we can to preserve the taonga. It is interesting to note with our Settlement legislation, Te Tai Tapu came under the ownership of the three Iwi of Mohua, who gifted it back to the people of New Zealand and since then, we've been fighting mining applications for that whenua.

A heartfelt thanks and acknowledgement goes to Leanne Manson for her mahi as Chair for the Ngāti Tama ki Te Waipounamu Trust over the past 18 months. A special thanks also goes to Diane Strong for her mahi as a Director on the Tama Asset Holding Company. Her involvement with that entity was for over two and a half years. I would like to acknowledge the passion and dedication both Leanne and Diane have brought to the table and how they will continue to bring it, for they remain part of the team in the role of Trustee.

Our General Manager Frans, was appointed in December as an interim Director on the Tama Asset Holding Company, until such a time that a suitable replacement can be found. The Trustees will be requesting expressions of interest very soon.

To celebrate this year and our Kaumātua, we held a Christmas dinner mid-December which brought whānau together. It was a very relaxing and enjoyable evening.

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas. May 2017 be a year for you all to enjoy and remember.



A Whale's Jaw Bone





A Whale's Jaw Bone *continued*...

Approximately two summers ago, three Sperm Whales came aground at Rototai just out of Takaka, Mohua. Due to a Memorandum of Understanding that the three Iwi of Mohua have with the Department of Conservation (DOC) and also because Rototai is a populated area, DOC used a boat to tow the Whales to Farewell Spit. There they were handled appropriately including having their jaw bones harvested and cleaned over several months. After that lengthy process was complete one jaw bone was gifted to each Manawhenua Iwi. Our bone can be found in our reception area as Deryk Mason gallantly brought it over the Takaka hill for us and Kerry Manson organised to return the trailer it came on back to Takaka. Now Deryk and Robin Slow are working through organising to have a base made for the bone, so it looks more permanent in its new home. We'll keep you updated on progress.

Ka rawe! Huge thanks to all involved, Tumeke!

Acknowledgement to Moetu Tuuta

Due to health reasons, earlier this year we sadly said goodbye to Moetu Tuuta in his role of Trustee for the Ngāti Tama Ki Te Tau Ihu Cultural Trust. Moetu was a founding Trustee for the Cultural Trust and prior to that, he served on the Ngāti Tama Manawhenua ki Te Tau Ihu Trust for many years and was one of many who worked through the negotiation process and bringing us to Settlement with the Crown. Moetu also represented Ngāti Tama's interest on the Whakatū Marae Komiti, Tiakina Te Taiao and Ko te Pouaranga komiti. He is pictured left with the taonga we gave him, to acknowledge his tremendous mahi.



Thanks Moetu for all your Mahi, we love you and pleased you're doing well post operation! Kia Kaha!



Education Grant Recipient Update from Rochelle Ita This is what Rochelle says...

Kia ora Tama whānau,
I would just like to take a moment to thank you all so much for your support during my studies. In May this year I graduated from Victoria University of Wellington with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Criminology and Psychology. Your support both financially and emotionally has meant a lot to me as a person and fellow member of the iwi. It has allowed me to focus on my studies wholeheartedly and as a result three months ago I got a job at the Porirua District Court. I now have a job which I absolutely love and would most likely not be possible without those three years of hard work. It is also an honour to be able to work both with and for the people of our country, and to give back to a community that has treated me so well. I would like to leave you with a well-known proverb that means a lot to me - He aha te mea nui o te ao, he tangata, he tangata, he tangata!

Recently moved? E-mail your new contact details to kaiawhina@ngati-tama.iwi.nz



Anaweka Waka



The Anaweka waka is currently housed at Fonterra in Takaka, as their facilities provide what is needed as it goes through the preservation process. In September of this year a presentation was given in Nelson on the waka, along with another waterlogged waka found near Dunedin, by Auckland University Senior Research Fellow Dylis Johns. The talk covered early Māori waka manufacture techniques, the span of the discovery, Iwi involvement and the challenges faced during a large wet organic conservation project on a small budget.

Message from the General Manager

First, I would like to wish all Ngāti Tama whānau a safe and wonderful Christmas.

It has been a busy seven months since I started my new role. I have been very fortunate that Trustees and Directors have supported the kaupapa of simplifying our structure and taking away some complexity to reduce compliance and accounting cost, so we can start to focus more on the cultural vision for Ngāti Tama ki te Tau Ihu.

I would like to thank all Kaumātua and whānau who have been in touch with us and contributed in different ways to the development of the Trust. Arohamai, too many to mention and there is the danger of leaving someone out!

We are in the process of changing to a more user friendly member database, used by a large number of Iwi Trusts in Aotearoa, and over the next few months whānau may receive telephone calls or other communications to update their details where required.

We are committed to communicate better and more extensively in the future, and will be appointing a 'Cultural and Communications' Manager, building capability and capacity in our office and review our website and social media communications.

We have been very fortunate in appointing one of our whānau, Renee Thomas, as our Senior Accounts Administrator and she has done a fantastic job in transferring our accounts to Xero and ensuring a smooth transition between the old and the new system. Doing this mahi in-house will save cost and give us more control.

We have been through the annual audit and received a clean bill of health for all four entities, and will be reporting at our AGM at Onetahua Marae on 22 April. I hope to meet many whānau there. More about the AGM a bit closer to the time.

Kia ora nui to Narissa who has been keeping the office operating as a sole-charge employee over much of 2016.

Nō reira, enjoy each other's company! Spend time with each other – remember the old saying: whānau who play together, stay together!

Ngā mihi mahana,

Frans van Boekhout
General Manager



Takaka Fresh Water and Land Advisory Group

Over the last few years Margie Little has been the only Iwi Representative on the Takaka Fresh Water and Land Advisory Group (FLAG) and they have released their reports for managing water in the Takaka catchments including water allocation, management of water health, water quality and riparian and aquatic habitat. Te Waikoropupū Springs is also covered in this plan.

Currently the plan is open to public submission and this closes on the 31 January 2017. For full information go www.tasman.govt.nz and do a search for "Flag Summary Report" then click on the first link.

The MEAN Team



The MEAN team (Māori Emergency Action Network) made up by Te Puni Kōkiri, Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu and PHO Wairau, are an established team in Blenheim at the Community Hub who support whānau affected by the Kaikoura earthquakes. Their Christmas project was asking for Hampers so they can supply them to the Whānau of Seddon and Ward who are struggling in a post-earthquake environment, to which Ngāti Tama donated two hampers.

Even though this is a festive time of year, if you're lucky enough not to be dealing with the earthquake aftermath and live in Aotearoa, if you don't have an plan or a whānau emergency communication plan to navigate a natural disaster, can we urge that you organise one this summer? If you have any questions on how to do this, visit www.ready.gov/earthquakes, refer to what to do before an earthquake, during and after one, for it can make all the difference.

ARE YOU  PREPARED?
Is your Whānau?



Keep Safe this Summer Whānau

When you're heading to the beaches for surfing, frolicking, fishing, boating, sailing or simply enjoying our coastline, lakes and rivers, keep safe. Remember to swim between the flags, wear a life jacket, look out for water hazards including rips to keep whānau safe. If you need further information on how to prepare and what to watch out for, visit: www.watersafety.org.nz



Tama Office Holiday hours

The Tama Office will be closing on Friday 23 December at 12noon and re-opening on Monday 9 January 2017.



**Ngā mihi
o te Kirihimete me te
Tau Hōu!**

